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**Exhibit #III.D.**

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner\*

**DATE:** September 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Major Capital School Construction Program; *Site Approval Consideration*;  
Chelsea School Department – PreK-8 School Construction Project.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Superintendent Francis Boynton requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Chelsea, Maine, for a new preK-8 school. The new school will replace the existing Chelsea Elementary School.

The proposed site is an 18.5 acre parcel on Route 226 and presently the site of the Chelsea Elementary School. The site was originally obtained from the General Services Department of the United States Government. The site has the advantage of both public water and public sewer which is provided by the Togus Hospital. No other site in town has either of these.

It has taken additional time to finalize on the school site. The school department attempted to obtain 4.5 acres from the Federal Government to expand the present site; however, the process would have taken additional time especially with Togus planning an expansion. The school department will attempt to obtain the additional property at some point in the future.

All State and local agencies that have an interest or involvement in the proposed school have been contacted. Their responses are on file in the Department of Education. The architect has completed the Site Application as well as the New vs. Renovation Study of the affected schools.

***Project Information:***

Project: New Chelsea School  
Superintendent: Francis Boynton  
Architect: Oak Point Associates  
Total number of acres: 18.5

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**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to Chelsea School Department for construction of a new preK-8 school in Chelsea, Maine.

**COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION**

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to the Chelsea School Department for construction of a new preK-8 school in Chelsea, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

\*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team